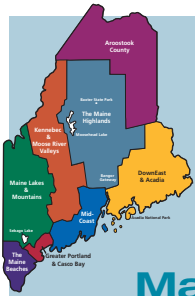


Facts about Maine

“The Pine Tree State”



Maine . . .

. . . has a population of about 1.2 million.

. . . is about 320 miles long and 210 miles wide, with a total area of 33,215 square miles (about as big as the other five New England states combined).

. . . consists of 16 counties with 22 cities, 424 towns, 51 plantations, and 416 unorganized townships.



. . . has one county—Aroostook—so big—6,453 square miles—that it is larger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

. . . boasts of 6,000 lakes and ponds, 32,000 miles of rivers and streams, 17 million acres of forest, over 5,000 miles of coastline and 2,000 islands.

. . . abounds in natural assets: 542,629 acres of state and national parks, including the 100-mile Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Acadia National Park (second most visited national park in the United States), and Baxter State Park (location of Mt. Katahdin and the northern end of the Appalachian Trail).

. . . has one mountain which is about one mile high: Mount Katahdin (5,268 feet above sea level).



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STATE ANIMAL: Moose (*Alces alces*)

STATE CAPITAL: Augusta

STATE GEMSTONE: Tourmaline

STATE FOSSIL: *Pertica quadrifaria*

STATE CAT: Maine Coon Cat

STATE INSECT: Honeybee

STATE BIRD: Chickadee

STATE FISH: Landlocked Salmon

STATE TREE: White Pine

STATE HERB: Wintergreen

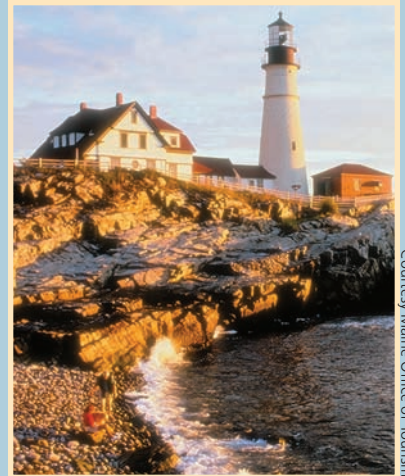
STATE FLORAL EMBLEM:

White Pine Cone and Tassel

STATE SOFT DRINK: Moxie

. . . is America's largest wild blueberry growing state, raising 98 percent of the lowbush blueberries in the United States. Potatoes rank third in acreage and third in production nationally.

. . . has 65 lighthouses, including Portland Head Light, which was commissioned by President George Washington.



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. . . claims America's first chartered city: York, 1641.

. . . is nationally famed for its shellfish, averaging nearly 40 million pounds of lobster harvested annually. The combined total of all shellfish and fin fish harvested annually is over 200 million pounds.

. . . is recognized as one of the most healthful states in the nation: summer temperatures average 70°F and winter temperatures average 20°F.



STATE FLAG:

The coat of arms of the State of Maine on a blue field of the shade of the blue field in the flag of the United States.

Adopted by the legislature of 1909.

STATE MOTTO:

Dirigo (I lead)